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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director, OCI

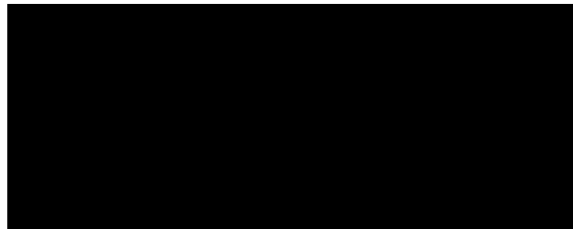
SUBJECT : Estimate of Civilian Losses from
Bombing in North Vietnam

25X1A 1. [REDACTED] called me at 1640 hours today to relay Secretary McNamara's urgent request that the Agency prepare a comprehensive all-source report on civilian casualties from bombing in North Vietnam.

2. Secretary McNamara desires that the assessment be broken down and analyzed by various categories, such as geographic area, proximity to military targets, and ratios of killed to wounded. Secretary McNamara was particularly interested in the area around Vinh and in Quang Binh Province. Additional details will be sent over in a memo tonight. Because of the highly conjectural nature of the assessment, it would probably be well to outline whatever methodology will be employed in preparing the report.

25X1A 3. Secretary McNamara asked if he could have such a report "right away, or if he had to wait a day or two for it." [REDACTED] informed the Secretary that such a study would certainly take at least two or three days. On this basis we should strive to produce a report by Thursday, 28 October, at the very latest.

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cc: Director, OBI
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| <p>Ed: This is the piece you saw this morning. VOCI may be asking for assistance Bill</p> | | |
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